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Dedicated to our Centennial, by GEO. P. BONNER.

(Tune.—“Castles in the Air.”)

I'll sing of our “Centennial,” for we're going to show,
The progress America's made since one hundred years ago.
One hundred years ago—brave men—they gathered all around,
Until the old bell did rend the air with gladsome sound.
Old Independence bell my friends, as it swung to and fro,
Proclaim'd that we would have our rights, one hundred years ago;
And anxious hearts, waiting below, how proudly they did beat,
To hear one hundred years ago, the old bell's tone so sweet.

One hundred years ago they sat in “Independence Hall,”
And there they vow'd they'd have their rights—yes, equal rights for all.
The Declaration there was signed by Freedom's chosen band,
Those honest men they signed their names with eager willing hands.
We revere the noble men of one hundred years ago;
Upon many a battle-field true courage they did show.
What caused their honest hearts to beat, their honest cheeks to glow?
'Twas “Liberty or Death,” my friends! one hundred years ago.

Peace now reigns over all the land, oh! may it e'er be so;
We'll show to all what we command, and cause their cheeks to glow.
The stars and stripes, our Nation's Flag, 'bove us will be unfurled,
In our pride and pow'r America will welcome all the world.
Success to our Centennial, aside all-feuds we'll throw;
For our country is united; we welcome all to show,
Their art, their skill, whate'er it be, the best will win the race,
Hurrah for Philadelphia! sweet Liberty's birth-place.

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